

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10

WHEREAS, there are 45 global or U.S. headquarters and over 120 companies involved in the animal health industry including four of the 10 largest global animal health companies and one of the five largest animal nutrition companies located in Missouri and Kansas; and

WHEREAS, leading veterinary colleges and animal research centers are located in Missouri and Kansas including the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine, the University of Missouri's \$60 million Life Sciences Center and Swine Research Center, the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine, and the Kansas State University's \$54 million Biosecurity Research Institute; and

WHEREAS, Missouri is 7th and Kansas is 2nd in cattle and calf inventory in the United States; and

WHEREAS, there are nationally-recognized publishers within the animal health industry located in Missouri and Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Missouri and Kansas have historical roots in the livestock industry and are home to many prominent national and international associations within the animal health industry; and

WHEREAS, retaining and growing existing animal health companies, attracting new animal health companies, increasing animal health research capacity, and developing commercialization infrastructure will create quality jobs and wealth for the states of Missouri and Kansas:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-Fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby recognize the region from Manhattan, Kansas, to Columbia, Missouri, including the metropolitan Kansas City area and St. Joseph, Missouri, as the "KC Animal Health Corridor"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Missouri General Assembly recognizes the KC Animal Health Corridor as the national center of the animal health industry based on the unmatched concentration of animal health and nutrition businesses, and educational, and research assets; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Missouri General Assembly resolves to establish a favorable business environment and support animal health research to foster the continued growth of the animal health industry for the benefit of the economy, universities, businesses, and young people hoping to pursue an animal health career in the KC Animal Health Corridor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the Governors of Missouri and Kansas.